

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner again rejected claims pursuant to nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,193,663, and 6,436,046. The previous terminal disclaimer was not accepted since the person signing was not of record. Applicants will submit an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the obviousness double patenting rejection at such time when the application is otherwise deemed to be allowable.

The Examiner also again provisionally rejected the claims over claims of copending application 10/696,421. However, application 10/696,421 is the current application, so the rejection is not proper.

Claims 167-172 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, due to antecedent basis for "the frame." Independent claims 167 and 172 have been amended to provide antecedent basis without narrowing the claims.

Claims 167-172 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Hwang (U.S. Patent No. 6,193,662) alone, or pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Hwang '662 in view of Hwang '031 (U.S. Patent No. 6,228,031). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of these rejections.

The present application claims priority as a Continuation-in-Part to parent 09/198,219, filed Nov. 23, 1998. This parent application supports all of claims 167-172. For example, page 5, line 25-page 6, line 20 shows examples with the limitations of claims 167 and 172. Page 6, lines 12-20 show the summing limitations of claim 168 in one embodiment. Page 10, lines 10-18 show the limitations of claim 169, for example. Page 3, lines 1-8 show the alternatives of claim 170. Page 10, lines 10-18 show one occurrence of the limitations of claim 171. The above citations to the prior application show examples of the support. There may be other examples.

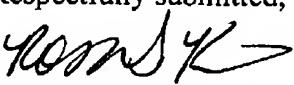
Claims 167-172 are supported by the priority application filed Nov. 23, 1998. Both the Hwang patents were filed Feb. 17, 1999 and do not claim any earlier priority. Accordingly, both Hwang patents are not prior art to claims 167-172.

CONCLUSION:

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (650) 694-5330 or Craig Summerfield at (312) 321-4726.

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